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hot/ war/, n. open military conflict; an armed conflict between nations. [1945–50; by analogy with colo war]

hot/ wa/ter, n. Informal. trouble; a predicament. [1530-40]

hot'-wire', v.t., -wired, -wiring, to start the engine of (a motor vehicle) by short-circuiting the ignition. [1950-55]

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hou-dah (hou'da), n. Howdah.

Hou-dan (hoo'dan), n. one of a breed of five-toed chickens with black, white, or mottled plumage. [1870-75; after Houdan, village near Paris where these hens were bred!

Hou-di-ni (hoo de/ne), n. Harry (Erich Weiss), 1874-1926, U.S. magi-

Hou-don (≅ dôn/), n. Jean An-toine (zhän än twan/), 1741-1828,

Hou-ma (hoo/me), n. a city in S Louisiana. 98,000.

Hou-ma (hō⊽/me), n. a city in S Louisiana, 98,000.

hound (hound), n., v., hound-ed, hound-ing, -n. 1. any of several breeds of dogs that pursue game either by sight or scent, esp. one having a long face and large drooping ears. 2. any dog. 3. a mean, contemptible person. 4. an addict or devotee: an autograph hound. -v.t. 5. to hunt or track with hounds, or as a hound does; pursue; dog. 6, to annoy or persecute relentlessly: harass; badger. — Idiom. 7. follow the or ride to hounds, to participate in a fox hunt. [bef. 900; ME h(o)und, OE hund, c. OFris, OS hund, OHG hund, ON hundr, Oo hunds; akln to 1. canls, Ok kyön, Skt śván] —hound'er, n. —hound'ish, hound'y, adj. —hound'isk-y, adj.

—nound ike, ad. hound's-tongue', n. a coarse, weedy plant, Cynoglossum officinale, of the borage family, with dull purplish red flowers, prickly nutlets, and hairy leaves shaped like a dog's tongue. [bef. 1000] hound's-tooth', adj. patterned with hound's-tooth jacket. [1955-60]

hound's-tooth/ (or hounds'tooth/) check/, n. a pattern of broken or jagged checks, used on a variety of fabrics. [1935–40]

Houns-low (hounz/lō), n. a borough of Greater London, England.

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nour (ou^or, ou/er), n. 1. a period of time equal to ½, of a mean solar or civil day and equivalent to 60 minutes. 2. any specific one of these 24 periods, usu. reckoned in two series of 12, one series from midnight to owi day and equivalent to ov minutes. 2. any specific one or these 24 periods, usu. reckoned in two series of 12, one series from midnight to noon and the second from noon to midnight, but sometimes reckoned (esp. in millitary and non-U.S. usage) in one series of 24, from midnight to midnight: He slept for the hour between 2 and 3 A.M. The hour for the bombardment was between 1330 (1:30 P.M.) and 1400 (2:00 P.M.) 3, any specific time of day; the time indicated by a timeplece: What is the hour? 4. a short or limited period of time: to have one's hour of glory. 5. a particular or appointed time: At what hour do you open? 6. a customary or usual time: dinner hour. 7. the present time: the issues of the hour. 8. hours, a. time spent at a workplace or in working, studying, etc.: The doctor's hours were from 10 to 4. b. customary time of going to bed and getting up: to keep late hours. c. (in the Christian church) the seven stated times of the day for prayer and devotion. d. the offices or services prescribed for these times. e. a book containing them. 9. the distance normally covered in an hour's travelling: We live about an hour from the city. 10. a unit of measure of right ascension representing 15: or the 24th part of a great circle. 11. a single period, as of instruction or therapy, usu lasting from 40 to 55 minutes. 11.2. cream nous. —Idiom. 13. one's hour, a. the time of one's death. b. any crucial moment or time. [1175-1225; ME (houre < AF; OF (h)ore < L höra < 0k hörā time, season] —hour/less, adj.

time, season] —hour/less, adj.
hour/ an/gle, n. the angle, measured westward through 360°, between the celestial meridian of an observer and the hour circle of a celestial body. [1830-40]

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hour/ cir/cle, n. a great circle on the celestial sphere passing through the celestial poles and containing a point on the celestial sphere, as a star or the vemal equinox. [1665-75]
hour-glass (ou*r/glas/, ou*ar-), n.
1. an instrument for measuring time, consisting of two bulbs of glass joined by a narrow passage through which a quantity of sand or mercury runs in just an hour. —adj. 2. having or indicating the shape of this instrument: a woman with an hourglass figure. [1505-15]
hour'hand/, n. the hand that indicates the hours on a clock or watch. [1660-70]
hou-ri (hōār²ē, hou-r²ē, hou-s²ē, n., pl.
-ris, one of the beauliful virgins provided in paradise for all faithful Muslims. [1730-40]. F < Pers hūn² < Ar hūr, pl.
of haurā' gazelle-eyed (woman)
hour-long or hour'-long/, adj. lasting an hour. [1795-1805]
hour-ly (ou*r¹ē, ou*ar-), adj. 1. of, pertaining to, occurring, or done each successive hour: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using an hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly news reports. 2. using some hour as a basic unit of reckoning: hourly

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house (n., adj. hous; v. houz), n., pl. houses (hou/ziz), v. housed, housing, adj. —n. 1. a building in which people live; residence. 2. a household. 3. (often cap.) a family, including ancestors and descendants: the house of hapsburg. 4. a building, enclosure, or other construction for any of various purposes (usu. used in combination): a clubhouse; a boathouse; a doghouse. 5. a theater, concert hall, or auditorium. 6. the audience of a theater or the like. 7. a. (often cap.) a legislative or of licial deliberative body, esp. one branch of a blcameral legislature: the flouse of Representatives. b. (the building in which such a body meets. c. a quorum of such a body. 8. (often cap.) a commercial establishment; business firm: a publishing house. 9. a gambling casino or its management. 10. a residential hall in a college or school; dormitory. 11. the members or residents of any such residential hall. 12. Informat. a

brothel; whorehouse. 13. Also called parish, the area enclosed by a cicle 12 or 14 ft. (3.7 or 4.2 m) in diameter at each end of a curling rink, having the tee in the center. 14. Raul. any enclosed shelter above the weather deck of a vessel: bridge house. 15. Astrol. one of the 12 divisions of the celestial sphere, numbered counterclockwise from the point of the E horizon. 16. House music. —vi. 17. to put or receive into a house, dwelling, or shelter; lodge or harbor: to house students in a documitory; to house flood victims in a church. 18. to provide with a place, as to work or study: This floor houses our executive staff. 19. to be a receptacle or repository for; hold; contain: This casting houses the batteries. —v.i. 20. to take shelter; dwell. —adj. 21. of, pertaining to, or noting a house. 22. suitable for or customarily used or kept in a house house paint; house pets. 23. (of a product) made by or for a specific retailer and often sold under the store's own label. 24. served by a restaurant as its customary brand: the house wine. —Idiom. 25. bring down raite and often sold under the store's own label. 24. served by a restaurant as its customary brand: the house wine. —Idiom. 25. bring down the house, to inspire a live audience to break into prolonged, unrestrained laughter or applause over one's performance. 26. keep house, to maintain a home; manage a household. 27. on the house, as a gift from the management; free. 28. put or set one's house in order, to settle one's affairs. [bef. 900; ME h(o)us, OE hils, C. OPris, OS, OHG, ON hils, GO hils in gudhus temple]) —Syn. House, Home, RESIDENCE, DWELLING are terms applied to a place in which people live. House is generally applied to a structure built for one or two families or social units: a ranch house in the suburbs. Home may be used of an apartment or a private house; it retains comotations of domestic comfort and family ties: Their home is full of charm and character. RESIDENCE, board usage and often implies spaciousness and elegance: the private residence of the prime minister. Oweclung is a general and neutral word (a houseboat is a floating dwelling) and therefore commonly used in legal scientific, and other technical contexts, as in a lease or in the phrases multiple dwelling, single-family dwelling.

nulliple dwelling, single-family dwelling.

Nouse' arrest', n. confinement of an arrested person to his or her home or to a public place, as a hospital, instead of a jail. [1935–40]

house-boat (hous/bōt/), n. a flat-boltomed bargelike boat fitted for use as a floating dwelling but not suited to rough water. [1780-90]—house/boat/er, n.

house-bound (hous/bound/), adj. restricted to the house, as by illness

house-boy (hous/boi/), n. Houseman. [1895-1900]

house-break (hous/brāk/), v.t., -broke, -bro-ken, -break-ing. 1. jo train (a pet) to excrete outdoors or in a specific place. 2. to train (a per-son) to adopt an appropriate or desirable mode of behavior; make trac-table. [1895–1900]

house-break-er (hous/brā/kər), n. a person who breaks into and enters a house with felonious intent. [1275-1325] —house-break/ing, n. house-bro-ken (hous/brō/kon), adj. 1. (of a pet) trained to avoid exceting inside the house or in improper places. 2. (of a person) trained creting inside the house or in improper places. 2. (of a person) trained to behave in a socially appropriate manner; tractable. [1895–1900]

lo behave in a socially appropriate manner; tractable. [1895-1900] house' call/. n. a professional visil, as by a physician or sales representative, to the home of a patient or customer. [1955-60] house-carl (hous/kärl/), n. a member of the household troops or body-guard of a Danish or early English king or noble. [bef. 1050; ME, late OE hibscarl < early Dan hüskarl. See House, carl.] house-clean-ing (hous/klē/ning), n. 1. the thorough cleaning of a house or apartment and its furnishings. 2. the reforming of an organization, system, or the like by eliminating personnel or revising methods operation. [1860-65] —house/clean/, v.l., v.l., cleaned, -cleaning businesses thous/kible names or a partment and its furnishings.

house-coat (hous/köt/), n. a woman's robe or dresslike garment for casual wear about the house. [1915-20]

house' crick/et, n. a common dark brown cricket, Acheta domesicus, that is sometimes an indoor pest. [1765-75]
house' detec'tive, n. an employee, esp. of a department store or hotel, employed to prevent thefa, violations of regulations, or other misconduct by patrons. [1895–1900, Amer.]

conduct by patrons. [1895–1900, Amer.]
house' doc'tor, n. house phrsician.
house'dress (hous/dres/), n. a relatively simple and inexpensive dress suitable for housework. [1895–1900, Amer.]
house'father (hous/father), n. a man who supervises a group of young people, as students, living in a dormitory, hostel, etc. [1880–85]
house'fty/ or house' fty, n., pl. -flies, a medium-sized, gray-stipled (ly, Musca domestica, common around human habitations in nearly all parts of the world. [1400–50]

parts of the world. [1400-50]

house-ful (hous/fob], n, pl. -fuls, the number or quantity that a house will hold: a houseful of guests. [1250-1300] —Usage. See -rut. house-guest (hous/gest/), n, a person staying with a household as a guest for one night or longer. [1900-25] house-hold (hous/hōld/, -ōld/), n. 1. the people of a house collectively; a family including any servants. —adj. 2. of or pertaining to a household household expenses. 3. for use in the home, esp. for cooking, cleaning, or laundering: household bleach; household appliances. 4. common; familiar: a household rame in meric (springs) (1350-1400).

or laundering: nousehold bleach; nousehold apphances. 4. common, wimiliar: a household name in men's lashions. [1350-1400]

house/hold art/, n. any of the skills necessary to the efficient running of a household, as cooking or keeping a family budget. [1920-25]

house/hold effects/, n.pl. privately owned goods consisting chiefly of furniture, appliances, etc., for keeping house. Also called house/hold goods/. [1890-95]

house-hold-er (hous/hōl/dər, -ōl/-), n. 1. a person who holds title to or occupies a house. 2. the head of a family. [1350-1400] —house/hold-

house/hold troops/, n.pl. troops guarding or attending a sovereign of a sovereign's residence. [1705–15] house/hold word/, n. a familiar name, phrase, or saying; byword.

house-hus-band (hous/huz/bend), n. a married man who stays all home to manage the household while his wife goes out to work. [1965–70; house(wife) + husbano]

house-keep (hous/kēp/), v.i., -kept, -keep-ing. to keep or maintaint a house. [1835-45]
house-keep-er (hous/kē/per), n. 1. a person, often hired, who does of

directs the domestic work and planning necessary for a home, as house

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